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SUBJECT: AEROFLOT OFFER TO CYPRUS: NICOSIA AIRPORT

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1. WHILE FONMIN CHRISTOPHIDES DID NOT REPEAT NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT AEROFLOT OFFER ENCOMPASSES CONSTRUCTION OF "AIRPORT FACILITIES" (REF B), HIS VERSION WAS MORE ALONG LINES PARA 3 REF A: EQUIPMENT, TRAINING, FINANCING, PROVISION CHEAP POL PRODUCTS. GOC APPEARS TO HAVE DECIDED UPGRADE LARNACA STRIP, IN ANY EVENT.

2. MOST REALISTIC WAY TO APPROACH ISSUE OF REOPENING NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, AS WE HAVE EARLIER SUGGESTED, IS FOR UN/ICAO MANAGEMENT, UNDER WHOSE NEUTRAL UMBRELLA TURK AND GREEK EXPERTS COULD SERVE. AS CHRISTOPHIDES MENTIONED, GOC MIGHT BE ABLE ACCEPT DEVICE OF "OBSERVERS" FROM TWO COMMUNITIES. GOT AT MINIMUM WILL REQUIRE THAT TURKISH ZONE HAVE UNRESTRICTED CIVILIAN USE OF AIRPORT. BOTH SIDES WILL WANT TO ENSURE THAT AIRPORT NOT USED FOR MILITARY RESUPPLY. PRESENCE OF OBSERVERS WOULD BE DESIGNED REASSURE BOTH IN THIS REGARD.
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